

**MINUTES
DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT IV**

September 6, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Stanley/Aley Community School Center, 1749 South Martinson

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Members Present

Edwin Koon, President Pro Tem
Dorman Blake
Iola Crandall
Tom Kessler
Jerry McGinty
Wayne Wells
Bea Vickers

Members Absent

Council Member Bill Gale
June Bailey
Chris Carraher
Bonny Johnson-Patrick
Paul Ward

Guests

P. Greenway	Dan Voorhis
Regina Sinclair	Amber Deckard
Anthony Bamberger	Randy Sparkman
Deb Legge	M.R. Campbell
R.W. Mellard	

ORDER of BUSINESS

At 7:07 p.m. **President Pro Tem Edwin Koon** called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, and explained that **Council Member Gale** sent his apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

Koon asked for modifications to August 2, 2000 Minutes. **Wayne Wells** identified page three, paragraph two, “the” should replace “goal” and page three, paragraph five “Harry” should replace “Kellogg”. Page five; paragraph three the word “from” should replace “form”. **Jerry McGinty** identified two corrections, the first on page one, paragraph two “9” should replace “10” and on page nine, paragraph two “6” should replace “5”.

McGinty (Blake) moved to accept the minutes as amended. 7-0

Koon asked for additions to the published agenda, none were received and **Koon** moved to approve the Agenda without objection. 7-0

PUBLIC AGENDA

At this time the DAB will hear public comments regarding individual citizen comment on issues not on the agenda pertaining to the City of Wichita.

No comments or requests to speak on the public agenda were received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Charitable Solicitation on Public Rights-of-Way

Charitable solicitation on public rights-of-way appears to be increasing and concern over citizen safety, municipal liability, and public interests; the result has been referral of the matter to the District Advisory Boards by the Wichita City Council.

Recommended Action: Provide Comment.

Ed Koon stated that two members of Wichita's nationally affiliated non-profit community were in attendance and planned to speak. **Koon** identified **Pat Greenway**, Executive Director, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas, and **Amber Deckard**, Executive Director, MDA of Kansas and welcomed the guests. **Koon** stated that Ms. Greenway would present first.

Greenway stated that she and her organization recommends the matter be handled by permit and provided background on previous ordinances. **Greenway** believes it is imperative for the financial well being of most nationally affiliated local non-profit organizations to have fundraisers that require solicitation from public streets.

Greenway recommends the city allow local non-profits to solicit on a permit basis with training on traffic flow and the appropriateness of approaching traffic as well as identifying members by safety vests. **Greenway** believes the recent problems are from out of state and out of area non-profits disregarding the ordinances and general safety rules. **Greenway** opened the matter to questions.

Koon asked if **Greenway's** organization held fundraisers annually, semi-annually, etc. **Greenway's** response was annually, in June and volunteers receive training and safety vests.

Tom Kessler inquired on the verbiage of the existing ordinance. **Greenway** responded there is to be no solicitation on public rights-of-way for any reason and a second ordinance exists, addressing pedestrians entering/impeding traffic flow. **Greenway** stated that her organization has insurance, safety vests, a training program and a policy prohibiting minors from soliciting in traffic.

Bea Vickers inquired on the color and identifying features of the safety vest used. **Greenway** responded the vest are orange and have the "Make-A-Wish" and "Pennies From Heaven" logos and slogan printed on the vest.

Amber Deckard, Executive Deckard, Muscular Dystrophy Association, was introduced by **Edwin Koon**.

Deckard stated that she would construct her address to answer the questions posed to **Greenway** to avoid redundancies in presentations. **Deckard** commented that MDA volunteers are city firefighters and perform collection on public rights-of-way in conjunction with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Volunteers are identified with reflective orange safety vests and banners attached to fire trucks. **Deckard** stated her organization supports the use of permits for local non-profits.

Deckard stated that because of the ambiguity surrounding the ordinance 2000 collection was performed in parking lots only, avoiding public rights-of-way. **Deckard** introduced **Regina Sinclair**, Program Coordinator, MDA, to review 1999 and 2000 Boot Block figures. **Sinclair** stated 1999 collection total for three hours, \$16,548. 2000 collection totals for the same time period \$4,300.

Sinclair stated “collecting off public rights-of-way yielded a one year difference of \$12,248. The difference cost the community 6 wheel chairs, 16 biopsies, 27 kids to summer camp or 122 follow-up clinic visits.” **Sinclair** and **Deckard** fielded questions.

Blake asked if the collections are annual only. **Deckard** stated MDA collects annually over the Labor Day holiday.

Koon asked for further question, none were received and **Koon** commented on the situation at Kellogg and Rock Roads where out of area groups were collecting and overtly hostile to drivers who would not contribute. **Koon** stated he would like to make accommodations made for legitimate, local non-profits.

Vickers (McGinty) moved that the “City adopt and develop a permit process for local non-profit organizations, utilizing enforcement of the existing ordinances for non-permitted collections.” 7-0

2. Office of Central Inspection Operations

*Deb Legge, Supervisor of Neighborhood Standards, and **Randy Sparkman**, Sign and Permits Supervisor, will present an overview of operations and answer DAB member questions.*

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

Ed Koon introduced and welcomed **Randy Sparkman** who thanked the DAB for the opportunity to address the board and highlight his responsibilities and function within the organization of the city.

Sparkman reviewed his responsibilities for planning, zoning, and screening standards; licensing for garage sales, corner stands, taverns, tattoo parlors, exotic and adult entertainment businesses; commercial signage standards; and graffiti removal operations.

Sparkman stated his personal professional goal is to have well maintained, aesthetically pleasing yet business friendly city. **Sparkman** provided his number as 268 – 4479 and fielded questions from the board.

Tom Kessler inquired on the status of the banner enforcement code. **Sparkman** replied the current policy went into effect approximately one and a half ago. The plan targets larger businesses for enforcement and gradually moves from larger to smaller businesses.

Kessler asked what the banner permit process is and **Sparkman** replied the process is twofold. First, one may apply for a thirty-day permit, the second option, allows two banners on a building or fence and the size is limited to thirty square feet as long as it is attached to a building or fence.

Koon asked for further questions and received none. **Koon** then introduced **Deb Legge**, Supervisor for Neighborhood Standards. **Legge** thanked the board for the opportunity to highlight her areas of responsibility and disseminated code enforcement handouts and her business card.

Legge reviewed brochure material and commended citizens on their efforts for programs such as neighborhood clean ups, neighbor to neighbor, and neighborhood patrol. **Legge** spoke of the high degree of burnout among citizens and the fact that usually a small core of people accomplish great feats but when those folks tire or move out of the area, the area begin to decline.

Legge stated that the city has twelve neighborhood inspectors whose areas of responsibility are geographically based and the city currently has over 4,000 active cases for individual structures, which excludes du/triplexes, apartments, etc.

Legge reviewed the Environmental Court, which is held four nights a week. **Legge** also commented on the uncertain future for neighborhood cleanups with the closure of Brooks Landfill, which funds the program through a portion of the collected tipping fees.

Legge asked for questions from the DAB. **Jerry McGinty** asked about the auto salvage facility across from Exploration Place and stated it is a major eyesore for the immediate area. **Legge** responded the business is well known to code enforcement staff.

Legge asked for further questions and received none. **Koon** thanked **Legge** and **Sparkman** for attending.

3. South Seneca Project

District Advisory Board IV will determine if a status report and discussion of drainage consideration is warranted.

Recommended Action: Discuss and Determine Course of Action

Koon asked for discussion.

McGinty (Blake) moved to place the matter on the October 4, 2000 agenda. 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

4. Status Report of the 2001-2002 Operating Budget

Council Member Bill Gale will provide a status report on 2001-2001 Operating Budget.

Recommended Action: Review and File.

Koon moved, without objection, to table discussion until September 20, 2000.

5. Fire Station Relocation Study

Council Member Bill Gale will provide a narrative on the status of the proposed fire station relocation study performed by Tridata Consultation Services.

Recommended Action: Review and File.

Koon moved, without objection, to table discussion until September 20, 2000.

6. CON2000-00026

Council Member Bill Gale will provide an update on the status of this conditional use request.

Recommended Action: Review and File.

Koon moved, without objection, to table discussion until September 20, 2000.

NEIGHBORHOOD AGENDA

7. Legislative Request

The Government Relations Director for the City of Wichita is soliciting requests for items to be included in the City of Wichita's Legislative Program. District Advisory Board Members are asked to complete the legislative request form.

Recommended Action: Review and Provide Recommendation.

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Brian Silcott, Neighborhood Assistant, stated the matter supports the City's Legislative Program and to fill out the forms and return to his office at Stanley-Aley or in City Hall. If assistance in completing the forms is needed do not hesitate to contact his office. The forms are due no later than the following DAB meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

Neighborhood Calendar

***DAB Members and Private Citizens** may announce neighborhood and community happenings and place events on the District IV Calendar.*

Recommended Action: Provide Comment.

Iola Crandall, Sunflower Neighborhood and Business Association disseminated the latest newsletter and commented on the neighborhood association meeting addressing childhood immunization programs.

Tony Bamberger, Community Police Officer, reviewed Southwest Neighborhood Association's latest activities including a candidate's forum.

Tom Kessler, South Area, stated his association was also having a candidate forum.

Wayne Wells, Delano, reviewed the August 15, meeting where Haysville Mayor Tim Norton and Doug Johnston spoke on their state office candidacy. The final Delano Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18. Delano will not hold a meeting in September.

Dorman Blake stated the area of extreme South Wichita is dealing with water and sewer services, progress is being made.

Bea Vickers, Stanley-Aley, reviewed the latest meeting held to reorganize the defunct association and stated the next meeting will be Thursday, September 11, to establish by-laws.

Ed Koon asked if there was any more information, none was received.

Kessler (Vickers) moved to adjourn, 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian W. Silcott
Neighborhood Assistant